THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(b) the following facilities are provided to the passengers on account of non-commencement or missing of journey due to late running of trains:—

(i) No cancellation or clerkage is payable on a reserved, RAC & waitlisted ticket and full fare is refundable if the journey is not undertaken due to late running of trains by more than 3 hours provided that the ticket is surrendered before the actual departure of the train.

(ii) Where a passenger misses connection for continued journey by another train at any junction station owing to late running of the train by which he had been travelling, the fare for the travelled portion is retained and the balance amount of ticket is refunded as the fare for untravelled portion, if he surrenders the ticket within three hours of the actual arrival of the train by which he had travelled.

Proposal for Rail Lines in Orissa

1080. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received by Government from the Orissa Government during the last three years for doubling of rail lines in that State;

(b) whether any of such proposal has been examined and considered for doubling; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No such proposal has been received.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Stoppage of Puja Express at Gurgaon

1081. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that requests were made by the Members of Parliament of 11th Lok Sabha to the then Railway Minister for stoppage of Puja Express at Gurgaon bound for Jammu and back, as a lot of pilgrims are facing difficulties in reaching Delhi Railway Station and back;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government on those requests and the results thereof; and

(c) if not, by when a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Some representations had been received regarding stoppage of 2413/2414 Delhi-Jaipur Express at Gurgaon.

(b) These were examined but not found feasible for implementation.

(c) Does not arise.

Conversion of Muthkhed-Secunderabad Rail Line

1082. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take up conversion of Muthkhed-Secunderabad rail line during the current year;

(b) if so, the funds allocated for this purpose; and

(c) if not, by when it would be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Gauge conversion of Secunderabad-Mudkhed section is an approved work which has received the requisite clearances. Earthwork and bridge work are presently in progress on the first phase between Mudkhed-Nizamabad. The work will be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 20 crores has been provided for the work in 1999-2000 Budget.

(c) Does not arise.